

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's allowance of claims 24, 25 and 43 is appreciatively noted. By the above amendment, claims 23, 26-31 and 35 are made dependent from allowed claim 24, thus placing those claims in allowable condition as well. Other previously pending claims are cancelled so as to moot outstanding issues and expedite allowance of the currently allowed claims.

New apparatus claims 51-61 have been added and correspond directly to allowed method claims 24-31, 35, 23 and 43, respectively. These apparatus claims are believed to be allowable for the same reasons as their corresponding method claim counterparts.

The various rejections based upon Boone '142, John '372, John '335 (sometimes in further combination Yamazaki '825 or other references), are all hereby respectfully traversed again – for reasons already of record which are hereby incorporated by reference. However, since all of these grounds of rejection have been mooted by the above amendment, it is not believed necessary at this time to further discuss the deficiencies of these grounds of rejection with respect to the no longer pending claims.

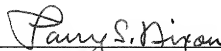
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Accordingly, this entire application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, and a formal notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should there remain any other issue, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned for prompt resolution so as to expedite allowance and issuance of a patent from this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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